# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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IMPORT OF MILK POWDER
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether milk powder is being imported;

(b) if so, the details of the imports made during the last three years; and

(c) the reasons for these imports?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY )

( a ) & ( b ) : The details of the import of milk powder during the last three years are as under:

Qty : Tons
Value : Rs. Crore

| 1998-99 | | 1999-2000 | | 2000-2001 | |
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| Qty | Value | Qty | Value | Qty | Value |
| 1860 | 12.24 | 17302 | 103.45 | 733 | 5.88 |

( c ) : India has been following a consistent policy of gradual removal of restrictions on imports since 1991. In this process, import restrictions on some milk and milk products have also been removed. However, Government is absolutely determined to ensure that imports, do not cause any serious injury to the domestic producers. Towards that end, Government has successfully renegotiated the existing 0% bound rate of duty on milk powder to 60% with a provision for allowing 10,000 MT of these products at a concessional duty rate of 15% under Article XXVIII of GATT.